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SUMMARY RECORD OF THE SEVENTIETH MEETING

Held at La Paz on Wednesday, 29 May 1957, at 11.45 a.m.

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Present:

Chairman:	Mr. MORENO CORDOVA	Bolivia
Rapporteur:	Mr. OLIVEIRA CAMPOS	Brazil
Members:	Mr. ISIDORO MARTINEZ	Argentina
	Mr. GISBERT	Bolivia
	Mr. GARRIDO TORRES	Brazil
	Mr. HALES	Chile
	Mr. MORERA	Costa Rica
	Mr. GAMBOA	Cuba
	Mr. GINEBRA	Dominican Republic
	Mr. PONCE	Ecuador
	Mr. DUARTE	El Salvador
	Mr. POUSSARD	France
	Mr. MELGAR LARRIEU	Guatemala
	Mr. MONDRAGON	Honduras
	Mr. TORRES GAITAN	Mexico
	Mr. ZIJDERVELD	Netherlands
	Mr. CLEMENT	Panama
	Mr. HERMOGENES GONZALEZ	Paraguay
	Mr. MORELLI	Peru
	Mr. HENDERSON	United Kingdom
	Mr. RANDALL	United States of America
	Mr. ARIOSTO GONZALEZ	Uruguay
	Mr. PINO	Venezuela

/Also present:

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Observers from Member States:	Mr. CHENDOV	Bulgaria
	Mr. VESELY	Czechoslovakia
	Mr. MANCINI	Italy
	Mr. IZAWA	Japan
	Mr. ALBU	Romania
	Mr. ARAGONES	Spain
	Mr. MIKHAILOV) Mr. MANZHULO)	Union of Soviet Socialists Republics
Observers from a non-Member State:	Mr. von STOLZMANN Mr. ENGELS	Federal Republic of Germany
Representatives of specialized agencies:	Mr. MOSER	Food and Agriculture Organization
	Mr. CONSOLO	International Bank for Reconstruction and Development
	Mr. del CANTO) Mr. KEESING)	International Monetary Fund
	Mr. BLANCO	World Health Organization

Representatives of non-governmental organizations:

Category A:

Mr. HEYSEN	International Confederation of Free Trade Unions

Category B and Register:

Mr. ESPINOZA	International Federation of Lawyers
Mr. FRIEDLAENDER	World Jewish Congress
Mr. SALINAS	World's Alliance of Young Men's Christian Associations

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Secretariat:

Mr. PREBISCH	Executive Secretary
Mr. MALINOWSKI	Head of Regional Economic Commissions Section, United Nations
Mr. SWENSON	Deputy Director, Economic Commission for Latin America
Mr. URQUIDI	Director, Economic Commission for Latin America, Mexico Office
Mr. SANTA CRUZ	Secretary of the Commission

/RAPPORTEUR'S REPORT

RAPPORTEUR'S REPORT (E/2998, E/CN.12/451)

Mr. OLIVEIRA CAMPOS (Brazil), Rapporteur, presented the Annual Report to the Economic and Social Council, covering the period 15 May 1956 to 29 May 1957. 1/

The report, including the Programme of Work and priorities for 1957-58, was adopted unanimously.

PLACE AND DATE OF THE NEXT SESSION

Mr. CLEMENT (Panama), on behalf of his Government, invited ECLA to hold its next session in Panama.

Mr. SANTA CRUZ (Secretary of the Commission) read out a draft resolution in which the Commission accepted the invitation of the Panama Government and decided to hold its eighth session in April 1959 in Panama City.

The draft resolution (resolution 139(VII)) was adopted unanimously.

Mr. CLEMENT (Panama) thanked the members of the Commission for the honour they had paid his country.

DRAFT RESOLUTION FOR TRANSMITTAL TO THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

The draft resolution for transmittal to the Economic and Social Council was adopted unanimously.

GENERAL STATEMENTS

Mr. ARIOSTO GONZALEZ (Uruguay), speaking on behalf of the visiting delegations, thanked the people and the Government of Bolivia for their hospitality, congratulated the Executive

1/ For the full text of Mr. Oliveira Campos's statement, see E/CN.12/481.

/Secretary and

Secretary and his staff on their fine work, and summed up the progress achieved at ECLA's seventh session. The members of ECLA had met with a sincere desire to discuss their common problems frankly and honestly. They had succeeded in doing so and had made substantial progress toward their common goal, the increased well-being of their peoples and of the peoples of the world. 2/

Mr. PONCE (Ecuador), speaking on behalf of all delegations, thanked the Chairman, the Rapporteur and the Secretariat for the work they had done to make the session a success.

Mr. ZIJDERVELD (Netherlands), speaking on behalf of the delegations of France, the United Kingdom and the United States, as well as his own, thanked the people and the Government of Bolivia for their hospitality, and paid tribute to the work of the Executive Secretary and his staff. He had been impressed by the high level at which the discussions had been conducted throughout the session. In addition to its valuable work in the economic field, ECLA contributed to the harmony and mutual understanding of the peoples of Latin America and thus to the cause of world peace in general.

Mr. PREBISCH (Executive Secretary) said he had been very moved by the kind words that had been addressed to him, but pointed out that the success of ECLA's work had been largely due to the indefatigable efforts of Mr. Swenson, Mr. Urquidi, ..

2/ For the full text of Mr. Ariosto Gonsáles' address see Information Document No. 54.

Mr. Santa Cruz, Mr. Malinowski, Mr. Hausner and Mr. Giner de los Ríos.

It was a matter for satisfaction that ECLA was now moving from the stage of analytical studies to that of practical action; in that connexion, he thanked the Governments of the countries members of ECLA for the guidance they had offered in the preparation of work programmes. However, ECLA had no intention of encroaching upon the spheres of action of other international organizations, particularly as its own field presented ample opportunities for useful work.

He paid a tribute to the dramatic struggle Bolivia was waging against inflation and the stabilization policy it was applying. He was convinced that the Bolivian Government's efforts would eventually be crowned with success; however, he felt that the task could not be accomplished by the Bolivian people alone. International assistance would be required, to stave off a depression and to absorb surplus manpower. Given such assistance, Bolivia would offer an example of what could be achieved through national effort in conjunction with a sound policy of international co-operation.

The CHAIRMAN said that the Bolivian Government and people had just cause to be satisfied with the work of the seventh session which had further strengthened the solidarity of the Latin American countries in their efforts to attain the goal of economic freedom. He was convinced that ECLA would succeed in laying the material basis on which the spiritual values of the Latin American countries could be fully realized. 3/

The meeting rose at 1.5 p.m.

3/ For the full text of the Chairman's statement, see Information Document No. 55.